

## Alignment's 2nd thoughts on Rabin tactics

By ASHER WALLFISH  
THE FIRST FLUSH of enthusiasm for the Alignment Knesset faction, at Yitzhak Rabin's dramatic move in resigning and forcing an early election, is gradually ebbing.

Faction members who have to try the burden of parliamentary work and now feel the pinch when Government is in a minority, say party leadership would have been wiser to have studied the operational problems beforehand and resorted to the people's responsibility for implementing policy at the 40-day level in the Knesset.

Cabinet Ministers, who were used to having their way in the Knesset, are now in a minority, and are being forced to have a lower profile. Many of the laws they were passing to table will have to be shelved.

Financial legislation, especially, will have a hard time. One Alignment MK is said to have told Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz: "Keep your bills to yourself and don't make fools of us."

At the same time the Alignment will go ahead, even at the expense of losing, on matters of principle, such as arbitration in essential occupations. It will thus be able to aim publicly that it did its best against the impending policies of the opposition.

The Alignment faction expects particularly rough run in the Knesset committees.

In two committees, Foreign Affairs and Defence, and Finance, it counts for exactly half the membership (including one seat in each which it gave *ex gratia* to the Independent Liberals and can take away at any time if need be.) In Foreign Affairs and Defence this will mean it will have no problems; in Finance, the Alignment's loss of its majority will make trouble for the Treasury.

The Alignment has kept its majority on one committee only — the Control. On all the other committees, it is in a minority.

A move is afoot in the Alignment to demand the merger of the Labour and Welfare Ministries to form a new Ministry for Social Betterment. This move is eventually brought to the plenum for approval, the Alignment could count on the ILP's support and could make the Likud embarrassed if it voted against.

There is no serious talk in the Alignment yet about appointing party ministers in place of the ousted NRP men. The Alignment is waiting for the High Court to decide on the plea in this connection. One trend in the Alignment is of perhaps proposing Rabbi Menachem Hacohen for deputy Minister for Religious Affairs. However, it is unlikely that a deputy Minister Interior would be named since Alignment does not want to get Dr. Yosef Burg any further.

One view which found expression in the Alignment faction was that his should have played out a different scenario for advancing the cause of elections. He should have led out the Independent Liberal Party, with their agreement, and the National Religious party led, after having given Messrs. Raphael and Hammer a red-hot tongue-lashing. Then he would have worked in the Knesset as a majority of 63 and made the NRP behave itself, while giving the impression — as now that he is keeping the ILP in from.

Rabin's increased tempo of meetings with MKs and party figures, aimed to secure his leadership in the party, is very noticeable in the Knesset. However, some say he does not seem to his as any of his predecessors the premiership and does not seem to want it. Some say they would — if they could advise Rabin to show more lenience with his long-winded inter-

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## Polling date bills to be heard tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
FIVE PRIVATE bills providing for the dissolution of the Knesset and the calling of early elections will come up for their preliminary reading tomorrow (Wednesday).

The first such bill, tabled by the Likud's Menachem Begin, sets May 3 as election day. The next, tabled by the Alignment's Aviad Yaffa, sets May 31.

These two factions are ready to compromise on May 17, and with this in mind, the National Religious Party's Avraham Melamed tabled a third bill setting May 17 too. The Alignment, the Likud and the NRP have made a gentlemen's agreement to vote the others' bills to Committee, and then shape joint legislation in Committee. (This would then have three regular readings before becoming law.)

The two other election bills are from the Free Centre's Shmuel Tamir and the date in mid-April and Moked's Mair Pail, who specifies April 12. Both men say the election should not be delayed, and the life of the caretaker government not be extended.

Meanwhile, in a parallel procedure two more factions sent their delegations to call on President Ephraim Katzir.

The National Religious Party's Secretary-General, Yehonatan Ben-David, said that Rabin's decision to oust their ministers and subsequently to resign "lacked... wisdom." Some members of the delegation called for the establishment of a Government of National Unity (Labour). Dr. Elimelech Rimalt (Likud) or Dr. Yosef Burg (NRP). Danny Verma suggested that a

Knesset Member head a government of experts which will remain in office until the May elections. He said that Shulamit Aloni of the Citizens Rights Movement, Arye Eliav of the Independent Socialists and Menachem Begin of the Likud "can't sit in the same government, but they can support a government of experts." But Katzir said a government of experts makes for a flaw in democracy.

Later, representatives of the Torah Religious Front went to Beit Hanassi. They said there was no alternative to holding earlier elections. The Independent Liberals, the Free Centre and Rakah will call on the President today. They will request earlier elections, arguing that it is not possible to form a new Cabinet now.

In the Knesset the new parliamentary situation with the governing Coalition in a minority was reflected in the conclusion of the debate on Premier Yitzhak Rabin's resignation announcement of the week before.

The Alignment did not table a draft resolution to sum up the debate since it knew it could not swing a majority for it. The other factions tabled draft resolutions but none of them were voted through since the Alignment blocked them all.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, who replied to the debate on behalf of the Government, said there was no basis to the criticism that the Alignment's caretaker government could take no political initiatives. For instance, he said, the Government would certainly probe the possibilities of negotiating an end of state of war agreement with Egypt, Syria and Jordan.

## The 5-passport mystery

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Interior Ministry officials yesterday seemed puzzled and surprised by reports that financier Samuel Flatto (Sharon) had been issued with five Israel passports since he became a new immigrant in 1972. The Interior Ministry is responsible for issuing passports in Israel, while Israel consulates perform the task abroad.

At a bail hearing on Sunday in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, police representative Sgan-Nitzan Yoram Gonen said that Flatto had been issued the passports, some of them in different names, with the knowledge of the Interior Ministry. He also described the financier's "strange tendency to mislay passports," and said that he had travelled abroad many times since 1972.

Flatto was held on IL10m. bail at the request of French authorities, who are seeking to extradite him on suspicion of fraud and tax evasion.

Contacted by The Jerusalem Post yesterday, Interior Ministry director-general Haim Kubersky said that he had no knowledge of the five Flatto passports. If the newspaper reports from the Jerusalem courtroom were correct, he added the fact that Flatto was in possession of several

passports was surprising, and would have to be investigated.

The ministry spokesman, Yitzhak Agassi, in response to questions last night added that the assistant-director-general in charge of immigration and population registration, Mrs. Yehudit Huebner, had already asked for Flatto's file to be sent to her from Tel Aviv for investigation.

No information, however, could be elicited on the contents of this file, which probably could have been obtained in the same telephone call in which the file was requested from Tel Aviv.

The spokesman stated emphatically that any issue of passports in different names to the same person constitutes a serious offence and any official found responsible for it, if the facts should be as reported in the press, would be prosecuted.

Asked whether he could conceive of any circumstances in which normal procedures in the issue of a passport could have been circumvented, the spokesman considered this impossible and said the ministry would have to check the facts carefully before he could make any additional statement.

Mrs. Huebner herself was unavailable for comment last night.

## Flatto stays in custody pending bail decision

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Lawyers for Samuel Flatto (Sharon) last night were trying to convince a magistrate that properties offered as security are worth the unproven claim set for Flatto's bail on Sunday.

The lawyers, Yitzhak Tunik and Yeroham Gornitsky, were meeting with Jerusalem Magistrate's Court Judge Eliahu Ben-Zimra at the judge's home in Rehov Sa'adia Gonen in the Rehavia quarter. It was not clear which of Flatto's properties he has interests in the new Tel Aviv central bus station and Dizengoff Centre, a home in Savoyon and other assets. Flatto was seeking to pledge as bail.

He is in partnership with the Pilz interests in the Dizengoff Centre and bus station properties, both under construction. According to some reports yesterday, Flatto was not seeking to use the Dizengoff Centre as part of his bail package. The financier, wanted by the French Government on suspicion of fraud and tax evasion, remained in custody. Rather than keep Flatto in the Jerusalem lockup, he was being held at National Police Headquarters in Jerusalem.

If the financier cannot come up with the bail, he will remain in custody for 15 days. In any case he must also deposit all of his passports with the police and undertake not to leave the country. A restraining order is to be put against his properties in Israel.

The French Government has not

yet instituted formal extradition proceedings though it has requested Flatto be held pending a formal request. If the extradition request is not received within 30 days, all requests against him will be lifted.

The French have said that Flatto is suspected of fraud, theft, receiving stolen property and attempting to bribe a French official. The sum involved is alleged to be 400m. French francs (IL1b.).

By SHALOM COHEN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
THE COMING GENERAL elections will cost the state some IL68m. in subvention to the parties. The sum, which the Treasury will pay the parties to help finance their election campaign, of course does not represent the overall cost of the elections, such as incurred by state electoral machinery, and indirect costs of the political contest.

The last general elections on December 31, 1973 were the first in which the parties enjoyed state subsidies under the 1973 Financing of Parties Law. (The preceding 1969 elections were also state-subsidized, by ad hoc law.)

But the May elections will be the first early, non-scheduled elections so state-subsidized. The early dissolution of the Knesset will mean lengthening the statutory duration of the election campaign for the purposes of state financing. The law sets a ceiling for party electioneering spending over a period of 101 days. But for early elections, the official campaign period starts from

## Gur: Army strong enough to allow risks

TEL AVIV. — The IDF has reached the stage where its military might gives Israel the leeway to take diplomatic and strategic chances, Chief of Staff Rav-Al Mordechai Gur said here yesterday.

Gur said that, since the Yom Kippur War, the army has grown so much that it offers the country the option to choose, if it must, between war and peace. This choice, Gur said, gives Israel more independence than ever before.

Gur said that the quantity and variety of arms absorbed by the IDF during the past few years have turned Israel into an academy in which other countries can learn the proper use of these new armaments. Gur's military presidency, he said, has caused many suppliers to be interested in sales to Israel where their arms will be used to the best effect.

Gur was speaking at the "Ma'ariv" organized "Best Worker" competition. The three awards for IDF employees went to Yitzhak Netowitz, 51, Martin Tsikel, 47, and Zvi Kleinman, 30.

Gur told the recipients that it is the devotion of men like them to the IDF which enables the army to make its own equipment and absorb foreign equipment fast and well. (Item)

## X-ray men off today

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
X-RAY FACILITIES will be closed today as the technicians, who have been working under back-to-work orders, take the day off to demonstrate in front of the Knesset.

The newly-elected secretary of the technicians union, Ya'acov Horowitz, said that some 70 per cent of his members had been forced to work for the last eight weeks. The others were left idle, and as the first of the month drew near, it was uncertain whether they would receive their salaries this month.

The only technicians that will remain on duty will be the emergency duty staffs that usually work on Shabbat and holidays, he said. There would be treatment for urgent cases such as cancer patients, he promised.

The Health Ministry spokesman said that if the technicians fail to show up today, they will be breaking the back-to-work order and will be treated as any other lawbreaker. She said that in any case, the technicians' case is due to be examined by a special committee set up by the ministerial committee on wages.

The technicians union secretary would not say if the total strike would extend beyond today.

## W. German town to reconsider SS memorial

BONN. — The City Council of Altentkirchen, near Bonn, has yielded to protests and will reconsider a decision to erect a memorial to an SS tank division.

Members of the ruling Social Democratic Party claimed this week that they were not aware that the "Hohenstaufen" was an SS unit until they read about it in a magazine for members of former Waffen SS units. Critics say the division was recruited largely from the Altentkirchen area and its SS affiliation was widely known. The SPD members have now tabled a resolution calling for the decision on the memorial to be revoked.

The decision to honour the tank division was taken unanimously at a closed door session in November, with support from all political parties. The move drew protests by the Association of Former Women Concentration Camp Inmates, the local branch of the Society for Jewish-Christian Cooperation and by the head of the Veterans Documentation Centre, Simon Wiessenthal.

Critics of the decision point out that Altentkirchen hasn't erected a memorial on the site of the local synagogue, destroyed on "Kristallnacht," 1938, but was to provide public land for the tank division memorial. (JTA)

# 'Confronters' intensify momentum for Geneva Damascus backs Jordan

By ANAN SAFADI  
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent  
EGYPTIAN FOREIGN Minister Ismail Fahmy yesterday conferred with U.S. Ambassador Herman Eilts for the third time in less than a week. The Arab confrontation states appeared to be accelerating their Middle East diplomatic offensive to reinvigorate the Geneva conference in the first quarter of the coming year.

Yesterday's conference in Cairo was believed to have been triggered by U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter's suggestion in "Time" magazine that he would prefer to meet Premier Rabin, Egypt's Sadat and Syria's Assad, as well as other Middle East leaders, presently in Jordan and Saudi Arabia, before he decides on his incoming administration's course of diplomatic action. The Egyptians, who had originally expected initial consultations to be held in Washington with second-ranking Arab leaders, were understood to be now seeking early meetings between Carter and the Arab heads of state.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister reiterated yesterday that his country's main goal was to reconvene the Geneva Middle East conference before the end of March, to discuss an over-all settlement of the Israel-Arab conflict. Signs were that the Arabs were pressing for this deadline in order to get something accomplished before May 30, when the Golan Heights UN peace force mandate expires. Despite this, Syria was seen likely to renew that mandate as a "gesture of goodwill" towards Carter, should the postponement of the Geneva conference be necessitated by the national elections in Israel.

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nians, in particular those living in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Ja'abari agreed with Jordan that the West Bank and the Gaza Strip should have the right of self-determination, and their future links with Amman — rather than be forced into acknowledging the PLO as their representative.

Meanwhile, PLO chief Yasser Arafat — in contrast to recent statements — said yesterday that he would go to Geneva were he invited. In an interview with Cairo's "al-Gomhuriya" newspaper, he also said that he would accept setting up a state on any "liberated Palestinian territory," adding that such a development was unlikely to emerge without a "long and violent struggle."

In Beirut, press reports said that the PLO leadership was now undergoing an underground power struggle which already claimed the life of a PLO leader, Abdul-Wahab Tayeb, who was assassinated Saturday together with his wife. The PLO is essentially split into two major factions — one led by Arafat, who advocates cooperation with neighbouring Arab governments in Middle East political manoeuvres, and the other, led by the PFLP chief George Habbash, who opposes any compromises either with those Arab governments or Israel.

## PLO refuse to yield their big guns

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent and Agencies  
THE PALESTINE Liberation Organization yesterday reiterated that it would resist the demand of the Arab peace-keeping force that it surrender all the heavy weapons it has in Lebanon by Thursday. This was reported by Beirut's independent "Al-Anwar." The daily also said that the PLO's opponents, the Christian militias, responded by saying they would delay turning over their heavy arms until the Palestinians have handed their in.

"The heavy weapons issue is still ticking away like a time bomb that could explode at any moment, shattering the current six-week-old truce, the paper said.

"Al-Anwar" quoted PLO chief Yasser Arafat as claiming that surrendering their arms "would weaken the Arab front against Israel."

Meanwhile, the Christian Phalangist radio in Beirut has accused the PLO of moving heavy weapons into southern Lebanon in large convoys. The radio said that the convoys were converging chiefly on the port of Tyre and Nabatieh, which overlooks the border with Israel.

A PLO official, Mahmoud Abbas, told newsmen yesterday that the arms "will remain with us in the south. We have no intention of giving them up because we need them to defend our cause and the dear land of Lebanon."

Abbas reassured that the PLO's presence in southern Lebanon is regulated by the 1969 Cairo accords, a main ingredient in the Lebanese truce formula worked out recently by Arab summits.

The Syrians, who had undertaken to disarm the PLO along with the Christian militias, withheld comment yesterday. Syrian forces now dominate the whole of Lebanon except for the southern region, bordering Israel. Israel has warned that it would not tolerate the presence there of any Arab force other than Lebanese.

## 19 die in S. African 'Black Christmas' riots

CAPE TOWN. — A gang of young girls battling for a "Black Christmas" spearheaded a key attack in rioting which cost 19 lives in African townships near Cape Town over the weekend.

Two hundred homes were raided and 90 burned to the ground in the fighting over whether Christmas should be celebrated as usual or declared a time of mourning for South Africa's black dead at the hands of white authority.

Hundreds of refugees streamed out of the smouldering townships of Nyanga and Guguletu yesterday. Whole families, including women with babies on their backs, trudged along dusty streets, homeless and destitute. Many others left because of fear of new violence.

Trucks piled high with furnishings and other belongings trundled past on the way to safer townships. Police said they had learned that "a group of militant young women" were the first to set fire to an attack on workers' hostel which led to the fighting.

The girls were not identified and it was not known immediately if any were among the 19 killed in the backlash by the hostel workers, mostly Baka tribesmen from Transkei.

Almost 100 blacks were wounded — cut, maimed or shot — as they retaliated against the "Black Christmas" militants with weapons including spears, axes and pangas, police said.

The immediate cause of the violence was a demand by students that Christmas should be observed by blacks as a period of mourning for riot victims of police bullets. The students decreed there should be no festivities, no Christmas cards, no gifts.

Shebeens, (illicit drinking dens) were told to close. Some black priests said they had been asked not to hold Christmas Mass. Shopkeepers carrying gift-wrapped parcels were attacked.

The climax, following weeks of simmering unrest, came Sunday morning. Young black men and women returning from a graveyard in Nyanga where they had been mourning riot victims attacked the hostel, shouting "traitors."

The Christmas fighting was the worst between blacks since Zulu workers in Soweto township near Johannesburg took up arms against militants in August. The death toll then was more than 30, and about 100 were wounded. (Reuters)

## Meet The Post

THE JERUSALEM POST invites you to a special evening at the Moriah Hotel Jerusalem, tonight Tuesday, December 28, at 9 p.m.

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  - "Front Page" — a display of historic front pages of THE POST from '48 to '76.
  - "Dry Bones" — an exhibition of favourite cartoons.
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## Allon: Not begging USSR to renew ties

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon last night said that Israel could not agree to a stronger involvement by the Soviet Union in the Middle East peace-making conference.

The Russians, he said, blast Israel with hostile propaganda every day and "try to dictate results before negotiations; they are arming the Arabs and have no diplomatic relations with us. The Soviet Union is in the pocket of the Arab countries."

Allon was addressing the international conference of Australian, American and Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East at the Van Leer Foundation building in Jerusalem.

Although he was "not begging" the Soviet Union to renew relations with Israel, Allon said such a decision would be of more benefit to Russia than Israel. The U.S., he explained, has more influence than the Soviet Union in the Middle East.

because it is friendly with all the parties to the dispute.

Allon stressed that no real negotiations can take place under the co-chairmanship of the two superpowers at a future Geneva convention. The talks must be direct and take place in this area.

Allon said he hoped the Carter administration would explain to the Arabs that "there is no question of imposing a settlement or any alternative to negotiations. Anything we are ready to compromise on can be reached without outside pressure," he said, but for "anything we can't afford to compromise on pressure won't help."

Israel's declaration of willingness to meet again at Geneva with the same parties and without the PLO is not a "tactic, we mean it," he said. The Soviet Union and the U.S. understood and agreed at the first Geneva conference that no extra parties would be included in the next round of talks without the agreement of all the parties, including Israel, he said.



Digging a bed for a tree in the forest that will bear his name, Australian Labour Party Leader Robert Hawke yesterday took part in the dedication of the Robert Hawke Forest near Haifa. Hawke, who heads the Ministry of Labour, is a member of the delegation of JNF contributors from Victoria State in Australia took part in the ceremony. Hawke's father, a Protestant minister, read verses from Isaiah. (Dan Landau)

## Congress library rejects protest on PLO posters

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Library of Congress has rejected a protest against its current exhibition of 70 posters, which includes three from the PLO. Library officials told the JTA yesterday that the exhibit would continue, without change, for the remaining month of its three-month schedule.

The exhibit, titled "The Paper Weapon," also includes a poster showing Moshe Dayan wearing a "We Try Harder" button, a button bearing the slogan of Avia Rent-a-Car. "We Try Harder." It contains none of the numerous posters of Soviet Jewry.

The protest came from the Zionist Organization of America, whose president, Joseph Sternstein, demanded prompt removal of the PLO material in a letter to Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin. Sternstein said that the PLO posters carried "messages of hate for Israel" and "indicate the library's recognition" of the PLO, something the U.S. government has refused to do.

In a letter replying to Sternstein, the Assistant Librarian for Public Education, James Parton, said that

both he and Dr. Boorstin are "distressed" to learn that "part of this exhibition is objectionable." Parton said "it does not appear to us to be unduly emphasized, and that it might be argued that showing terrorists with machineguns does not seem to present them in a very heroic posture."

Referring to the Dayan poster, Parton said it "does not appear to us a disparaging poster. Rather, if one makes the obvious connection with the Avia advertising campaign, it would seem to suggest a parallel with the conflict between David and Goliath — and we all know the outcome of that struggle."

Mrs. Marcy Lethbridge, the library's information officer, told the JTA that the "PLO posters probably were obtained by underground methods" and had come to the library "probably from some collector's collection."

According to another library official, the Dayan poster came from Israel and was "the only one from Israel" apart from "a few El Al airline posters."

## IDF suffered high incidence of hepatitis

Jerusalem Post Staff  
A high incidence of hepatitis, cured recently among soldiers, has been learned by the IDF. The disease is known, is common under conditions, where sanitary conditions are inadequate, and in large training camps.

In the past, jaundice immobilized entire segments of training camps. Over the past few years a serious effort has been made to improve conditions in hope of eradicating the disease.

Commenting on rumours of a villan jaundice epidemic, Dr. Theodor Schwartz, the Health Ministry's chief epidemiologist, said yesterday the disease is always present in relatively large number of cases in this country.

He said the number of cases reported usually varies from 3,500 to 4,000 a year. It is usual for a number of cases to go up in the winter.

He also pointed out that it is not unusual for more cases to be found in some localities than others, due to the spread of the disease in schools and other public places. However, he did not specify which areas are affected in the country at present or how many jaundice cases there are.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast: Cloudy and rainy.

Location	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	41	8-15	13
Golan	33	8-14	10
Nahariya	33	11-19	17
Safed	33	9-10	10
Haifa Port	57	12-18	17
Tiberias	56	11-22	17
Nassereth	56	10-16	10
Afula	51	10-19	10
Shomron	41	9-15	14
Be'er Sheva	46	11-18	17
B-C Airport	36	12-22	18
Jericho	36	9-25	20
Gaza	32	10-20	17
Beer Sheva	29	15-20	18
Tel Aviv	28	10-22	20
Tiran Straits	27	16-22	20

### Social and Personal

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin visited Kfar Sava yesterday as a guest of the municipality.

The West German Cultural Attaché and Mrs. Rudiger Reyels last night gave a reception, attended by Ambassador and Mrs. Per Fischer, for the German Olympic soccer team, the Israeli national team and Israeli Football Association officials, at the German Embassy's cultural centre in Tel Aviv.

Austrian Ambassador Dr. Ingo Müssel called yesterday on Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

The British Board of Deputies solidarity delegation to Israel were the guests yesterday of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Led by Lord and Lady Fisher and including Michael Fidler, J.P., Lord Janner and Greville Janner, M.P., the delegation was received by University President Yosef Tekoa.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra celebrated its 40th anniversary on Sunday with a gala concert with cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, as soloist. Former Prime Minister Golda Meir was also present.

After the benefit concert given at the Jerusalem Theatre by Itzhak Perlman, the world famous violinist, on December 23, the Mayor of Jerusalem and Mrs. Teddy Kollek held a reception at their home in honor of Mr. Perlman and his wife Toby. Proceeds of the concert go to aid the rehabilitation of Israel's most severely handicapped children, in the care of Aiyu Hospital and the Jerusalem Branch of Han.

Author Haim Guri will speak in Hebrew on the topic: "Israel as I See It," at the Tuesday Noon Forum series of The David Yellin Teachers College, Bet Hakerem, Jerusalem, at noon today, at the College.

Professor Benjamin Alkin will speak on "The Government Crisis" and Rabbi Mordechai Kirshblum on "Rumania's Jews" at a vocal newspaper to be held in Jerusalem's Bet Ha'am on Friday at 8 p.m.

**BIRTH**  
ERHARD — To Rachel and Gideon Erhard, a son, brother to Ran and Dana. (Communicated)

### Likud choices for ministers to form 'team'

The Likud Executive yesterday decided to form a council and a "leadership team."

The council, which will comprise some 250 members, will decide on the proposed platform for the Knesset elections and go through the motions of choosing the Likud's candidate for the premiership. In fact, no one is currently challenging Menachem Begin's leadership.

The "leadership team" will include 10 to 25 persons that the Likud suggests should be ministers if it forms or joins the next government. But the members will not comprise a shadow cabinet, and no portfolios will be distributed.

The Executive, which met in the Knesset yesterday, also decided to form five teams to prepare the bloc's platform.

### Stiffer fines for sea pollution

The Minister of Transport has proposed legislation in the Knesset which would raise the maximum fine for discharging oil at sea from IL150,000 to IL375,000.

A Transport Ministry spokesman noted yesterday that the legislation had passed its first reading on November 1.

The spokesman added that the Ministry intended to initiate funds to improve the quality of the environment on land, sea and air.

### Bar-Lev tells Knesset:

## 'Development towns place for pioneering today'

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Moving to a development town is the ultimate of Jewish pioneering in this generation, Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev told the Knesset yesterday. He then cited statistics to prove that very few people are taking up the pioneering challenge.

Bar-Lev, who heads the Ministerial Committee on Development Areas, said that 2,100 new flats are standing empty in development areas, 1,300 in the Galilee and 800 in the Negev. Another 13,000 apartments — 9,000 in the north — are in various stages of construction.

Replying to an agenda motion on the Government's population dispersal policy (by Alignment M.E.'s Yossi Sarid and Jacques Amir), Bar-Lev cited statistics showing that the population of the country's 25 development towns increased by about 7 per cent between 1972 and 1976 — about the same as the rest of the country. Only 2,382 new immigrants settled in the towns in 1975, he said.

Though industrial development in the new areas is rapid, a shortage of workers is impeding further progress. According to Bar-Lev, 50,000 persons are at work in develop-

ment towns, but 11,500 more are needed right now, and an additional 3,000 jobs will be available in two years.

What is needed badly from the Government's side, he insisted, was more roads, telephones, health and education facilities and services and community centres — "in short, these development towns require all the basic elements needed to improve the quality of life."

Amir called for appointment of a "Minister of Development Towns" in the Government, and appealed to all parties to include a development town plank in their platforms.

Declaring that "the image of the nation in the eighties will be determined by the way we treat our development towns and their problems," Amir pointed out that "Israel still has no secondary school."

"Several months ago the Government, as part of its stated aim of increasing the Jewish population of the Galilee, appointed a 'Galilee development coordinator,'" he said. "Well, that man soon resigned. He said he could get nowhere through the endless maze of Government bureaucracy. All the good intentions of the Government will go for naught until it begins to apply itself seriously to the matter of development towns."

### Bar-Lev: Most Timna miners have new jobs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The closing of the Timna mines did not cause as much economic upheaval as feared, Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev said yesterday in the Knesset.

He said that 400 of the 583 copper miners who lost their jobs have already been placed in plants in the Eilat region. Another 51 have gone into business for themselves, 21 are undergoing vocational training, 38 have been found unsuitable for any type of work and 73 have left Eilat.

Bar-Lev said the closing of the mines last March was necessary because of the huge losses being borne by the Government in operating them. If the mines were still operating today, he said, it would cost \$2,000 per ton to mine the ore, which would sell for \$1,280.

Bar-Lev said operating losses for Timna during 1975 reached IL51m. If the mines were kept open, this year's losses would have reached IL70m, he said.

### Herzog calls for electoral change

BEN GURION AIRPORT. — Israel's present electoral system is very dangerous and must be changed, UN Ambassador Haim Herzog told reporters here yesterday on his arrival from the U.S.

Herzog is due to report to Foreign Ministry senior officials on the deliberations of the General Assembly session just ended, and to hold consultations on the forthcoming visit to the Middle East by UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

Herzog said that if he was asked to participate in the election campaign he would do so, but if the internal political situation made demands on his performance at the UN, he would have to decide what steps to take.

He refused to indicate which party he was likely to join, in the event of his being active in the election campaign. He would only say that Shimon was not the only movement demanding a change in the system of elections.

The reaction to Israel's government crisis in the U.S. was positive, Herzog said, because it proved to the Americans that Israel is a democracy — which has a very positive impact on American public opinion. (Itim)

## Pride prompts Beduin MK to sever Alignment ties

By JOSHUA BELLANT  
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

SHEIKH HAMAD Abu Raba, the sole member of the "Beduin and Villagers" Knesset faction, yesterday terminated his official affiliation with the Alignment. But he told a press conference in the Knesset he will continue to vote with the Alignment.

Abu Raba was apparently prompted by hurt pride. A source associated with him said the Sheikh was not included in the Alignment team which met President Ephraim Katzir on Sunday to discuss whether and how to form a new Government. He also was not invited to a special audience with the President because he was considered part of the Alignment faction.

But the Arab "Progress and Development" faction will meet the President on Thursday. This faction terminated its official affiliation with the Alignment several months ago. Abu Raba's move will now accord him similar status to the "Progress and Development" faction. The Sheikh said that tribal leaders, who conferred with him last week, decided he should terminate



Sheikh Abu Raba

the official affiliation in order to have greater freedom.

There has been a long standing land dispute between the Beduin and the authorities, but he indicated this was not the issue. He said that the Alignment had helped him recently in another matter.

Asked why he resigned now, he said: "There's a time for everything."

### Three-year hiring freeze is proposed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A three-year ban on new hiring by the Civil Service Commission, local authorities and state corporations is proposed by Likud MK Yehoshua Floumin in a private member's bill filed yesterday.

Floumin said, "The deterioration in our economic situation and the need to cut back in public spending dictates the need for a freeze on manpower complements in public agencies."

### Alignment's second thoughts

Leaders of the Beit Tavori protest group in Labour are to meet in Jerusalem today to discuss future steps.

Some Labour Knesset Members, such as Yossi Sarid, said they will support Rabin or Peres for the premiership mainly on the basis of what team each will present. They claim that neither Rabin nor Peres will lead the party to a victory in the coming elections if they present the incumbent cabinet.

One Knesset Member said that half the ministers must be replaced. Others argued that Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Housing Minister Avraham Ofer and Labour Minister Moshe Saran must go. "There is a simple pragmatic reason," one Member told The Jerusalem Post. "They're not popular."

Mapam's Secretary-General Meir Talmi is to meet Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin today to discuss the coming election campaign and Mapam's conditions for continuing the Alignment with Labour.

The meeting is being held at the Prime Minister's request after Labour presented Labour with a list of policies it wanted implemented. They include readiness for territorial concessions on all fronts and more socialist-minded economic policies.

### Official win by Bat Yam mayor

By SARAH KONIG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BAT YAM. — The Herut party central elections committee yesterday officially announced that Mayor Yitzhak Walker's faction won 76.5 per cent of the votes in the primaries held earlier this month.

However, Walker's opponents, Councilmen Yehuda Shekel and Maurice Abutbul, still threaten to topple the mayor from office by bolting his coalition.

The ruling came in the wake of appeals by Shekel and Abutbul, who complained that the mayor hired thugs from Jaffa to terrorize their supporters, on election night.

The committee, which spent three sessions reviewing the various versions of what happened on the evening of the primaries, ruled that no evidence had been produced to show that anyone had hired any thugs to influence the voting.

While the mayor's supporters expressed satisfaction at the committee ruling, they did admit that the danger of Walker losing his majority of one in the 12-member city council still exists. Shekel said Abutbul have refused any compromise offered them, and have said that they will only cooperate if given a majority on Bat Yam's Herut Party nomination committee.

### MKs oppose ads on television

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The proposed to introduce advertising on Israel Television drew opposition from Knesset Members yesterday.

Speaking at the Finance Committee's meeting, Aharon Efrat (Mapam) said commercial TV would only encourage greater private consumption. "What is more, the commercials would lead to a drop in newspaper advertising."

Also opposing commercial TV was Nuzhat Katsav (Labour). She said not only would private consumption increase, but television viewers who needed the advertisements would probably be spending their money unwisely.

In the Education Committee, opposition was also voiced — first by chairman Avraham Katz (Likud) and then by Members Ora Namir, Chalka Gossman and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon. (All Alignment.) (Leader - page 8)

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Son, Viktor, and daughter-in-law and granddaughters

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**RAHEL BRAMSON**

The funeral will leave today, Tuesday, December 28, 1976, from Rambam Hospital, Haifa, at 1.30 p.m. and will pass via Kiryat Tivon to the cemetery of Kibbutz Yifat-Gvat at 3.00 p.m.

A special bus will be available for mourners at Rambam Hospital.

Naomi and Aliva Pomerantz and the grandchildren  
Kfar Monash

We wish to thank all relatives and friends who comforted us on the loss of my beloved husband, father

**OTTO ARIE NEUMANN**

The Family







# Manila to grant Moslem autonomy in rebellious region, Marcos says

MANILA. — President Ferdinand Marcos said yesterday he had agreed to the creation of an autonomous Moslem region in the southern Philippines where at least 10,000 civilians were killed during a four-year-long Moslem rebellion.

The president was speaking at a televised news conference here three days after a cease-fire went into effect in the southern provinces. This followed what Marcos called a "tentative agreement" to end the rebellion.

The agreement was reached in talks last week in Libya, between government representatives and the Moro National Liberation Front

(MNLF), the Moslem rebel group which had earlier demanded a separate state.

Marcos said the talks almost collapsed because the sides could not determine which areas to include in the autonomous Moslem region. The MNLF had originally wanted the region to include all 21 provinces of the southern Philippines, even those where the Christians were in the majority, he said.

Marcos said it was still to be decided whether a plebiscite should be held in 13 provinces where some 2m. Moslems live, to determine which provinces wanted to be included in the Moslem autonomous

region. Replying to a question, the president said at least 500,000 civilians lost their homes during the conflict and at least 10,000 civilians were killed. He did not disclose casualty figures among government troops and the rebels, although unofficial estimates have put the government dead at 4,000, with probably a higher figure for the rebels.

Marcos also said the autonomous region would have a regional security force comprising Moslems and non-Moslems to maintain peace and order. They would be under the control of the armed forces of the Philippines. (Reuters)

## Opec 'may' waive part of price hike

VIENNA. — The split over oil price hikes in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) has caused some uncertainty, and "it is not impossible" Opec might waive the 5 per cent price boost scheduled for July 1, 1977, the Secretary-General of the marketing group said yesterday.

"I assume that in the next six months, we will see how the market shapes up," M.O. Feyide of Nigeria said at a news conference.

He added that the main factors would be production, the quantity of available oil, and the demand in consuming countries.

Eleven of the 13 Opec members decided earlier this month to boost the price of oil by 15 per cent in two stages — 10 per cent as of January 1, and 5 per cent more as of July 1.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, and the United Arab Emirates refused to go along with the 15 per cent figure. Both said they would raise the price of their oil by only 5 per cent.

Asked if the other 11 Opec members might waive the second half of their price boost to heal the split in the group, Feyide replied: "It is not impossible, nothing is impossible."

To do that, Opec would have to hold a special ministers' meeting July 1. They are now scheduled to meet July 12, after the 5 per cent boost is scheduled to become effective.

Feyide said the price split didn't impair Opec. "It is stronger than ever," he insisted. "The decision showed that nobody in Opec wanted to steamroll over somebody else. There was unanimous agreement that an (upward) adjustment of the price was justified. There were only different views on the level. The unity and solidarity of Opec was not affected."

"If anybody thinks that Opec will break up, this is only wishful thinking," he said.

Feyide leaves his post January 1, after a two-year term. His successor is Ali Mohammed Jaidah of Qatar. (AP)



Buddhist monks set up an altar near the wreckage of the Egyptair plane, which crashed into a Bangkok textile mill on Saturday taking the lives of about 75 persons. Thai village scouts and government officials were still engaged yesterday in identification of the bodies as relatives of the dead arrived to pray for the lost souls of their families.

## Tower cleared of blame for Egyptair crash

BANGKOK. — Thailand's civil aviation department yesterday cleared the Bangkok air traffic controllers of any part in the Christmas day crash of the Egyptair Boeing 707, but stopped short of blaming the jetliner's crew for the crash.

A department spokesman said control tower tapes of communication with the jet indicated that the pilot of the jet saw the runway and was

therefore responsible for landing the plane.

More than 70 passengers, crew members and factory workers died when the jet plunged into the Thai Textile mill.

"According to international rules and regulations, the pilot takes responsibility in landing and take-off," the spokesman said.

"In the Egyptair case, the spokesman reported that he saw the runway and visibility was four kilometers from the cockpit." But the spokesman said the flight did not necessarily indicate a pilot error leading to the crash. Investigation now under way probe possible human or mechanical causes, he said.

## Life-belts used to save TV sets

## Pilgrims refused to abandon ship

CAIRO. — The captain of the Egyptian pilgrim ship Patra which sank in the Red Sea on Friday accused passengers of refusing to obey his orders to abandon ship.

Captain Mohammed Shabbab Hamad told "Al-Ahram" that all the passengers and crew would have been saved if they had followed his instructions.

"It was a sad and funny situation," he said. "Some passengers obeyed the orders, then climbed back to the ship trying to salvage their imported goods and personal belongings."

The captain said he even heard women urging their husbands not to leave the ship for fear of losing their imported goods. He quoted them as saying: "This is our life savings. We will die with the ship."

Captain Hamad said he distributed 600 life-belts although the passengers and crew did not total more than 450. He also lowered the Patra's six lifeboats, each capable of carrying 60 passengers.

He said that some passengers were later found to have several life-belts which they were using to

try to keep afloat such items. No official statement has been made on the number of casualties but the newspaper quoted Hamad as saying: "About 96 people were still missing."

Captain Hamad told the newspaper that his officers had to force the passengers around to force them to the 3,620-ton ship after the broke out in the engine room, about 50 miles north of Jeddah.

Most of the passengers were Muslim pilgrims returning to Egypt from the holy places in Saudi Arabia. (Reuters)

## High cost of election financing

(Continued from page one) 1973? The following figures, taken from the State Comptroller's report, show that the small factions spent much less than permitted. One reason is that the law is sporting towards the "little guys." A one-member faction (of the outgoing Knesset) is allowed spending rights of two "units" (plus the usual third), a two-member faction, three units, a three-member faction gets four, three plus the third). But they only get paid per MK.

This is what they officially spent in the 1973 campaign, with the permitted ceiling in brackets. The Labour-Mapam Alignment — IL14,555,337 (IL14,820,000); Likud (including Gahal's Herut and Liberal State List, Free Centre, and Land of Israel) — IL7,759,492 (IL8,060,000); NRP — IL2,855,615 (2,860,614); ILP — IL1,046,614 (IL1,040,000) a slight overspending forgiven by the Comptroller on the grounds that his lieutenants had to do some of the accounting because of insufficient distinction between election and current party expenditure.

Ironically, perhaps, the Civil Rights Movement, champion of cleaner government, was faulted for having accepted donations from nine corporate bodies, totalling a relatively small sum of IL21,191, and perhaps it was a technical error. The faction returned the monies. It spent IL189,890 (IL780,000) retrospectively making a handsome profit. Kidma Uptuah — IL524,287

(IL780,000); Moked (Maki-Techetel Adom) — IL325,060 (IL780,000); Arab List — IL180,000 (IL780,000). The total declared spending by parties in the 1973 elections — IL28,957,254. "The majority of the factions kept their accounts in the proper manner, and in no case was there need to refrain from establishing with directives," said the Comptroller's report. The somewhat circumspectious prose is better understood by the Comptroller's confession that control of party finances (including also the regular current party finances) was "limited significance" owing to difficulties in applying the provisions of the law.

Looking on the brighter side, the Comptroller also found that "law and its control served to restrain regularization and restraint party spending."

## Oil spill receding from U.S. coast

NANTUCKET, Massachusetts. — Winds in the area of the wrecked Liberian tanker Argo Merchant said the oil had moved about 10 kilometres toward shore, but pushing one of the largest oil spills in history away from shore. The tanker, which ran aground on shoals of Nantucket Island on December 15, broke into two a week ago and began to spew most of its 7.5m. gallons of heavy industrial oil into the North Atlantic. The U.S. Coast Guard on Sunday said the oil had moved about 10 kilometres toward shore, but pushing one of the largest oil spills in history away from shore. The tanker, which ran aground on shoals of Nantucket Island on December 15, broke into two a week ago and began to spew most of its 7.5m. gallons of heavy industrial oil into the North Atlantic. (Reut)

# Phalangists taking no chances, building mountain-top airport

By STUART AUERBACH

HAMAT, Lebanon. Christian rightists, unsure that peace has really come to Lebanon, are carving their own airport from hilltop olive groves in their traditional mountain stronghold here to give them contact with the outside world, in case they cannot get to the airport in Beirut.

They are constructing a 1,600-metre paved runway that they say will meet International Air Transport Association regulations — by far the most ambitious of the three other airfields that Lebanon's warring factions have built for themselves over the past year.

The airport is costing the party \$2.5m, said Beshir Jemayyel, the Phalange military commander and it illustrates the deep mistrings Phalangists have for the future of a united Lebanon.

"It's very important to us," said Jemayyel in an interview at the airport while more than 15 bulldozers levelled the land for the runway and three heavy steam rollers crushed paving stone. "It can be used to bring in medicines, for humanitarian help. In case we are in real danger we will have our own way to get in and out of Lebanon, to be in touch with the world. I don't want to have to depend for my survival on the smallest demagogue in the Arab world, he said, brushing aside ques-

tions about using the airfield to bring in military supplies.

The country's only major commercial airport, in Beirut 58 kms south of here, is located in territory that was controlled during the civil war by the largely Moslem left. The rightists were denied access to the airport during much of the 19-month war, and last June they closed it with their shelling.

Since then their only regular means of getting in and out of the country was either by road through Damascus or by boat to Cyprus from the port of Jounieh.

The war left the country virtually partitioned, and although the Syrian-dominated Arab Peace Force has stopped the open fighting, there are still areas where Christians and Moslems fear to go because of the danger of kidnapping and terrorist killings.

Politicians have developed a number of plans to decentralize the government in a way that would amount to creating separate Moslem and Christian states.

National Liberal Party leader Camille Chamoun, for example, has proposed a country based on the Swiss cantonal system. This would give states autonomy while the national government would have authority over defence, security and foreign policy. Jemayyel, the son of Phalange party leader Pierre Jemayyel, believes that Christian areas must be patrolled by Christian police and soldiers, while Moslem police and soldiers would be stationed in Moslem areas.

Although Syria and the rest of the Arab world remains firmly opposed to any idea of partition, the rightists are going ahead as if they had their own government. Beshir Jemayyel, for example, said he has not consulted with Lebanese government officials about building the airport.

"We are doing our business," he said, "and let everyone do his own business."

Construction started on the airport here in October, and Jemayyel expects the first plane to land in February. The honour will go to the single-engine craft that constitutes the Phalangists' entire air force.

Once finished, though, he said the field could be used for cargo and passenger charter flights, and some rightists foresee it becoming a major commercial airport. But western observers who have seen the airport called it "a white elephant" and said it is unsuitable for any major flights. Its one north-south runway needs to be augmented by another one

going east-west, one aviation expert said, and because of its hilltop location and prevailing winds, planes will have to take off nearly empty.

"I don't think it will be able to operate in bad weather," he said. "I don't think it will ever be a good passenger airport, because of the time it takes to get there from Beirut (almost two hours, at best, over bad roads) and the access roads are not good enough to allow it to be a major cargo field."

Jemayyel said local landowners, mostly Maronite and Greek Orthodox, donated the land for the field or sold it at a low price. He was vague, however, on the financing, except to say it is owned by the Phalange.

The rightists built a small airstrip near Jounieh that could take double engine planes. But its site limited its usefulness. In addition, the Palestinians have constructed a dirt airstrip that can take four engine prop planes at Anjar Nabatieh, that has been used to deliver military supplies and Moslem leftist leader Kamal Jumblatt has an even smaller dirt airstrip near his home in the mountains east of Beirut.

## French firm denies part in Libyan arms sale fraud

By JACK MAURICE

Jerusalem Post Paris Correspondent PARIS. — The French Thomson-CSF missile firm, supplier of radar for Israel's and Libya's Mirage warplanes, denied here yesterday it was involved in a \$15m. swindle in which Libya bought bogus U.S. night binoculars.

A Thomson employee and two executives of a Paris export firm face currency charges here in connection with the "sting" in which a senior Libyan official is believed to be a major accomplice.

The gang is also alleged to have collected \$80m. from Libyan President Mu'ammur Gaddafi for U.S. cannon which were never delivered.

Gerald Cauvin, Thomson's chief salesman for classified weapons, said yesterday: "The Libyans never approached me or any other department of the company. If a member of our firm is involved, it was on a purely personal basis."

Jean Abatucci, a senior aide to Cauvin, resigned from the firm last week after currency charges were brought against him by the French customs in connection with illegal dealings with Libya.

Abatucci and his confederates are alleged to have paid \$80,000 for crude optical devices which they passed off to Libya as "startrons," sophisticated night-vision binoculars used by tank commanders.

## Menten to remain in jail as Dutch probe continues

AMSTERDAM. — A city judge yesterday ordered the detention for a further six days of 77-year-old Fier Menten the Dutch millionaire art collector accused of war crimes. The ruling upheld an application submitted by the Amsterdam public prosecutor.

Menten has been in custody since December 7, when he was arrested in Switzerland after fleeing from the Netherlands. He was expelled to his homeland last week and for four days was under police interrogation at a prison in Amsterdam.

The Dutch are probing allegations that Menten participated in the massacre of a large number of Polish Jews while serving as an SS officer in Poland in 1941. Menten has denied any involvement in the killings, which occurred at two villages that are now part of the

Soviet Union. A Dutch inquiry team will visit the Soviet Union shortly.

Menten is being defended by a Dutch trial lawyer, Bernard Simon, who himself was an inmate of a Nazi concentration camp. It is not yet known when the trial will be, but under Dutch legal practice, a judge can extend preliminary custody for two periods of six days followed by three periods of 30 days. Pre-trial procedures could therefore last more than three months.

Menten returned to the Netherlands after the war and was sentenced to an eight-month jail term in 1949 for collaboration with the Nazis. Later he lived in luxury in a 40-room mansion close to Amsterdam. His art collection has now been impounded by the Dutch authorities. (AP)

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THE FIFTH PAGE

## 'A Willie Loman in each of us'

By MARSHA POMERANTZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
WHAT would Willie Loman be doing in 1976? "He'd be dead by now," said Arthur Miller, his creator.

The 61-year-old playwright, in Jerusalem with his wife and daughter for 10 days, was talking informally to reporters at Mishkenot Sha'ananim, the city's guest-house for visiting artists and writers. He is tall and lean, with grey hair and a matching sweater.

Perhaps Willie, the sung unhero of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Death of a Salesman*, would have died by now of natural causes, if not suicide. But his archetype lives on. "The place is full of them," Miller said. "Loman is less a character than a condition. I think we all have some of him in us: full of gas, saying things we really don't understand, hoping for things we shouldn't have." Loman had a "sense of the tremendous possibilities of life, with no ability to grasp them."

He sees the reception of *Death of a Salesman* as a sort of litmus test of materialism. The play was mounted in France in 1950 and made a "reasonable impression." But recent productions there and in England and Germany had "much greater impact." It was a "sign that they had entered the consumer society," Miller said.

Another of Miller's plays, *All My Sons*, is being performed now in Israel by the Cameri Theatre. Miller found the acting "remarkably sensitive," and Hanna Marron "terrific." He had "felt shaky about going there," he said, since he didn't like complimenting bad productions to be polite. But this one was a "great surprise."

Miller doesn't understand Hebrew, but since he knows every situation, he can "tell when they're taking it," he said. He has also heard his own plays in Georgian and Swedish, among other languages.

Asked whether it was the theme of

war and armaments, familiar to Israel, which helped make the production successful here, Miller said he didn't know Israel well enough to say. But it is the "archetypal reactions of the human race" which make the play, he believes. The problem of survivors: guilt, anger, the fruitlessness of what they went through. "The play is about war production," he said, "but that isn't what it's about." The contradiction was no contradiction.

And how did Miller feel about replacing Shakespeare on the required English curriculum in Israel? (All My Sons instead of *Julius Caesar*.) He didn't seem particularly pleased. "If people have to study something, they hate it," he observed.

Did he have a favourite play among his own works? "It depends what day it is," he said. "All my plays are attempts to get at my experience. One succeeds in one way, one in another way." Much depends on the production. "A good one makes a less favourite play seem better — and vice versa."

He's in the middle of a new play, *The Archbishop's Ceiling*, which will be going into rehearsal in March. Asked what it was about, he said "I dare not talk too much about it. I've written one version, and am working on another...I'm never very good at describing my own plays, anyway." He would only say it's "in a new mode."

THE JEWISH questions were inevitable. "What does the phrase 'American Jewish writer' mean to you?" was the way one reporter put it. There was no clear definition, and much depended on the writer's age and when he or his parents immigrated to the U.S., Miller said.

"When I started writing, or thinking of myself as a writer, I would have said an American Jewish writer is one who writes in Yiddish," Miller said.



Arthur Miller, aged 61, in 1960, a year after he wrote "Death of a Salesman."

His own mother was born in the U.S., and his father arrived there at the age of six. Though they came from Orthodox backgrounds, all their effort was turned toward assimilation.

Being a Jewish writer in America was at least in the first instance a defensive stance, Miller said. "Hitting the issue, as far as I was concerned, 'Zionists, whom he met only later, were 'completely different'."

"I've become more aware of and more interested in the Jewish part of my psyche," he said, "though I didn't at first label it as such."

Where does Israel fit in? "Political Israel doesn't," he said. But he was astonished by some phenomena of the Jews — cohesiveness, obsessions with justice, the family. None of these are exclusively Jewish, but in part they are associated with Jewishness.

Though he didn't know enough about this country, he felt — "the idea of Israel — of Jews retrieving the past, and giving it continuity," was a great thing.

For the rest, he had reservations: "I can't say that when I pass a truck full of army guys here I feel any different from when I pass a truck full of American GIs," he said. "A lot of people break into tears at this." But that's the way it is.

Now that he'd got his feet dry in the Judean desert, he seemed ready to come back. "Jerusalem is close to (Old) Jerusalem and Heaven," he said. And "this town is fertile as a place to dream."

## 'Akim Day'—a way to help the retarded

Special to The Jerusalem Post  
TOMORROW is "Akim Day" in Jerusalem, when volunteers will go round the city on a "knock on every door" campaign for an organization that has been in existence since 1946.

In 1946 the doctor-parents of a retarded 16-year-old son began to seek other Jerusalem parents with the same problem. Their search was hindered by the lack of cooperation of official bodies. The couple, Dr. Abraham and Dr. Malka Spiegel (the latter the present chairman of AKIM in Jerusalem) then turned to a friend and neighbour, Dr. Rachel Straus.

The War of Independence halted their activities, but in 1950 the Spiegels again gathered together a number of parents of retarded children and founded a voluntary self-help organization. Their primary purpose was to publicize the organization in order to contact more families. In 1952 a primitive

parent-to-parent counselling service was opened and a mimeographed bulletin "Our Retarded Children" issued. Parents in Tel Aviv and Haifa were contacted and encouraged to group together to create services for their children.

The Jerusalem parents gradually began to create facilities for their children. While the official bodies did not actively resist, not much aid was given.

A sheltered weaving workshop was established in 1955 for 18 retarded adults. Two years later AKIM was officially recognized as a "national voluntary organization." During the 1950s, Jerusalem AKIM opened the Rachel Straus Training Centre for 30 teenage girls and set up afternoon clubs for teenagers and for adult retarded.

In 1965 the Eddy Shor Centre was opened in Talpott for children between the ages of three and seven, in response to pressure from parents

of younger children. Three years later Israel's first hostel for retarded adults was opened on a site adjacent to the Eddy Shor Home.

Today AKIM is turning towards community projects, hoping that the Jerusalem Municipality will take over the management of the formal institutions as has been done in Tel Aviv and Haifa. This would free AKIM to respond to the needs of a new generation of young parents. For example, AKIM will next month sponsor a number of afternoon clubs in community centres for retarded children between the ages of three and 10. This will not only lift the burden from the families, but will also be a pioneer project in integrating handicapped children into neighbourhood activities. AKIM is also organizing a respite-care service of trained babysitters, financed by the Glumpich Foundation in New York.

In addition, AKIM Jerusalem is

also establishing a loan fund for parents of retarded children who need to make home improvements or additions. The Jerusalem Municipality, the Housing Ministry and Bank Tefahot are contributing to this project.

However, AKIM's most urgent project at the moment is to raise funds for the repair of the Eddy Shor and Rachel Straus structures which collapsed a few weeks ago. The Eddy Shor Centre had to be evacuated when the floor began to sink and a week later the Straus Centre was also temporarily evacuated when a classroom ceiling crumbled during a class. Most of the urgent evacuation work was done by the parents and staff.

Readers interested in further information or in donating either money or their time to work with the retarded and their families should contact the AKIM office at 21 Rehov Radak in Jerusalem.

DANCE / Joan Cass

### Dancers of fine potential

THE HAIFA Piccolo Ballet proved to be a well-rehearsed company of fine potential, in a Jerusalem Theatre appearance on Friday morning. The group was presented in a thoroughgoing professional manner, with choreographic material, costumes, sets and lighting all of decent quality. The problem is that first rate soloists must come up through the ranks, gaining in stage presence, technical assurance and interpretive subtlety through regular performance in an ensemble.

While the dancers in the Piccolo Ballet showed good training in technique and even in approaching a role, they lacked the authority that comes only from repeated exposure before an audience.

The opening Pas de Trois was arranged by Peter Appel to the music of Tchaikovsky for a section of "Swan Lake" that is today infrequently danced. Thus at one point, a dancer flustered her arms in the familiar Swan pattern, because in the original choreography this was a solo for the Black Swan. Taken out of context, the impression of the trio was somewhat disjointed, although it was put together pleasantly enough.

Sarit Becker was featured here as she was in the pure classic Pas de

Deux from Petipa's "Sleeping Beauty," also arranged by Peter Appel. She was adequately partnered by Hagal Dolev, but Becker came through particularly well in her solo, she caught the spirit of the piece with the delicate precision of the footwork accompanied by softly lyrical arm and head movements.

On several occasions, however, she, and certainly the lesser performers, strained to reach the pinnacle of a pose, or to hold a difficult balance, or to glide slowly to the floor. It is not that they couldn't handle the techniques, but that they couldn't handle them with the poise and ease that mark the seasoned dancer. One was too conscious of their effort and then their relief at achievement.

The programme concluded with "The Hoopoe," an ambitious work choreographed by Lia Schubert according to a Bialik tale about King Solomon, some birds and some hunters. Schubert demonstrated competence in her craft, as did Arthur Gelbrun, who contributed an appropriate music score and Jan Tom van den Bergen who designed the decor. Again the whole troupe did quite well with both the modernistic and the classic movements.

RECORDS / Yohanan Boehm

### Top level and better

WHEN in June 1974, I reviewed the Tchaikovsky Concerto, with von Karajan conducting the Orchestre de Paris, it was the first time I had ever heard Alexis Weissenberg. My summary was: "Bravissimo! Bravissimo! speed in the piano runs, avoidance of sentimentality, brilliance of orchestra sound... All recordings of this work are top level nowadays, but maybe this one is just a little better." (ASD 2578-CBS Records, Israel).

Now, CBS Israel has issued some more. Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 1 (Stanislav Skrowaczewski conducting the Orchestre de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire (Paris), and Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 2 and Franck: Variations Symphoniques (Herbert von Karajan conducting the Berliner

Philharmoniker). On both discs Weissenberg is superb, with all the characteristics I had mentioned in the 1974 review. The conductors are different — Skrowaczewski conducts all the orchestral spots with almost "Prussian" stiffness but otherwise does not hinder the soloist. Highly recommended. (EMI 063010445).

Von Karajan leads the orchestra in exactly the same manner as Weissenberg plays his solo part, and both achieve an exciting reading of the Rachmaninoff in complete union of interpretation and intention. No saccharine but all musical content is preserved in their emotionally restrained but never cold attitude towards Franck's Variations Symphoniques. A great disc (EMI Electrola — ASD 2572).

### Publications in Arabic

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's first publication in Arabic on research into Arabic language and literature will soon be issued by the Tel Aviv University.

It is hoped that two issues will be published during 1977, with the financial help of the university's Research Fund. There is as yet no funding for the proposed four issues a year which are planned for the future.

Dr. Mattitahu Peled, head of the University's Arabic Department, explained that the decision to issue a publication in Arabic is the result of frustration felt by Israeli scholars in this field who have few opportunities to publish their work. Journals in the Arab world are closed to them. Publications dealing broadly with the Middle East devote so little space to language and literature that Israeli researchers have to wait a long time to get published.

The department's hope is that the publication, which will include studies on Islam as well as on language and literature, will reach the Arab world via the universities in Western countries to which it will be sent.

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THROUGH THE LOOKING

GLASS / Joanna Yehtel

### What's doing in hair for '77

WHAT'S the latest with hair? Does fashion at this moment decree that you should be flaunting a luxurious mop of curls, or hiding all trace of hair under a turban, like last winter? This year, hair is definitely in evidence — but the word in use is "graduated." That means the cut is all important — fairly short, close to the head and ears, with the line only rarely reaching below the nape of the neck. Each lock of hair is cut so that it "graduates" into the one beside and below it, like drifts of snow on a mountain, or sand on a dune.

This short, sculptured look, much more gentle on the face than the hard boyish crop of last year, should be easier to keep looking good with far fewer visits to the hairdresser. This is a godsend, necessary with salon prices sky-rocketing as they have in the last few months. It depends on an excellent cut which



Above: Sassoon's graduated cuts; (below) Lim's French-inspired styles.

then only requires a fairly frequent trim. The rest — the washing and blow-drying — you can do at home yourself.

Where can you get such a good cut? Well, at a recent full-day "teach-in" in Tel Aviv, such graduated hair designs were demonstrated. Held at the Hilton, and attended by what appeared to be most of the country's hairdressers (and many of their clients too) the

course was organized by Vidal Sassoon, one of the most famous of all modern hair stylists. Five of his staff took their long-suffering models through a preliminary shampoo and hair colouring session (colours by Wella, and mostly still unobtainable here, we were told, which left me wondering why they used them instead of the Wella shades we can get here), before they appeared on the stage to have their hair cut into "the five point bob," "the layered look" (in hair, not in clothes), and what can be done with "naturally curly hair" (it looked plain frizzy to me). And as the five stylists cut, combed and blew-dried, they still had time to answer questions such as "What happens when that hair style gets caught in the wind?"

Whether or not we, the clients, feel our hairdressers need the wisdom of Sassoon is debatable, but the stylists themselves obviously found the course interesting (sometimes downright funny). If they're hungry for more, Sassoon does a one-week course for \$80 and a one-week course for advanced students for \$220, both in London.

Evidence that our stylists do go abroad to find out what's going on in the hair world was sent to me recently by Lisa, of Tel Aviv's David and Lisa salon. Lisa recently spent three months in Paris, learning from Carita, who ranks with Vidal Sassoon among world-famous hair stylists and other French designers. The accompanying photos show what we should be doing with our hair this winter.

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children's painting competition on erus e

### Through children's eyes

By KINUE WEINSTEIN

Special to The Jerusalem Post  
"JERUSALEM through children's eyes" is the theme of the first international children's painting competition on Jerusalem, for which preparations are currently under way.

As one of the celebrations of the forthcoming 10th anniversary of the city's reunification, Jewish and gentile children from all over the world between the ages of seven and 14 are being invited to express their image of Jerusalem on canvas. The contest is sponsored by Mayor Teddy Kollek, the Central Office of Information at the Prime Minister's Office and other public and private institutions.

The deadline for submitting entries is March 15, 1977. According to Mr. Yaacov Shatz, director of publication services at

the Central Office of Information, over 20 countries have already confirmed their participation. He expects to receive more than 1,000 art works from abroad. In those countries with many participants, entries will first be screened by local committees. Israeli school-children are also invited to participate.

Six winners from overseas will be awarded a week's visit to Israel, each with one companion. Six winners from Israel will be given gold medals. The 120 best works, to be selected by an international jury, will be exhibited at the Israel Museum. Each child whose painting is displayed will receive a certificate and an album of Jerusalem.

Further details about the contest may be obtained from Mr. Shatz at the Central Office of Information in Jerusalem.

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## Who needs TV commercials?

THE PROSPECT of advertisements, screened on people's television sets within the privacy of their homes, can only evoke a general groan of dismay. There is nothing more repellent than compulsory viewing.

The Broadcasting Authority claims that it needs more money. According to its head, Yitzhak Livni, commercials are the most painless way of getting it. This proposition should be considered.

The finance for advertising must come from somewhere. Either business firms will reduce their outlay on publicity in the newspapers and switch the funds, or they will augment their total expenditure on advertising.

Newspapers, like any other enterprise, feel unfriendly about a competitor; but this time their case deserves to be carefully understood. An organ of information and opinion can remain free and unfettered only as long as it covers its own expenses. The advertising cake in a small country like Israel is too diminutive to be easily divided. The press is not a great money-maker. If it is compelled to fall back on subsidies from the Government, it will cease to be independent.

Suppose, on the other hand, that TV makes no inroads in other people's interests. Suppose that all the outlay on TV commercials is additional money. Is there a benefit in that?

It would be a pity, in the present time of scarcity, to increase the resources of labour and capital devoted to promoting consumption. Advertising is useful as a source of information. It is necessary to tell the public what products are available on the market. Beyond that point, salesmanship can be anti-social. The public is coaxed to do what the Government beseeches it to refrain from doing. An appeal from the Finance Minister to save could be sandwiched between two spectaculars exhorting the viewer to spend.

This can be seen as an argument against advertising in general. It is certainly an argument against widening the scope of the activity — and in a particularly costly form at that. Which still leaves the budgetary problem of the broadcasting service unsettled. What alternative ways are there of creating income?

First and foremost, waste can be cut in the present administration. There is no justification for feather-bedding tactics, like appending a totally superfluous radio technician to every reporter in the field. Nor does the public relish the idea that the money it already subscribes through the annual licence fees may be frittered away on giving staff members a higher grading than other civil servants get (which is what the present work slowdown is all about).

As to revenue, there should be no objection to sponsored programmes. It is a form of (discreet) advertising still, but does not involve the devotion of skills and studio-space to creating eyesores on the screen. Finally, the Government might consider allocating the revenue, that it would otherwise forfeit anyway if advertising were allowed (since publicity is tax-deductible), to improving the programme of a nation-wide service — whose purpose is to bring distraction and instruction in every home.

## Politics and humbug

POLITICS spells uncertainty. Yet it is a fairly safe bet that the Likud's current efforts to unseat Prime Minister Rabin, and to form its own "national unity" Government, will not be successful. It is also reasonable to assume that, however the High Court settles the issues of the ILP's and the NRP's continued membership of the caretaker cabinet, that cabinet will still be headed by Mr. Rabin.

For these very reasons, Likud leader Menachem Begin pleaded with Mr. Rabin, in the Knesset, to put off his expected trip to Washington for a meeting with President-elect Jimmy Carter, after the inauguration on January 20.

Mr. Begin claimed that it would be improper for the head of a minority government to exploit a State function in order to gain partisan advantage, in the parliamentary elections. The argument has now been picked up by others as well.

Yet the logic of the contention is entirely spurious, and Mr. Rabin was right to reject it. A caretaker cabinet — is it still necessary to belabour the point? — is fully empowered, indeed obligated, to keep the country running on the basis of established programmes and existing resolutions. This would very properly include a visit by the Prime Minister to Washington, which by now has become a virtually annual routine.

The same, incidentally, applies to the Knesset, whose committees are authorized to continue their work right up to election day. Since the Alignment has now lost control of some of these committees, they may well be used by the Opposition in such a manner as to embarrass the Government. Yet so long as this is done in the course of the committees' regular business, and without a violation of the rules, it cannot be helped. It could, however, net some interested parties much greater political advantage than that which might conceivably accrue to Mr. Rabin from meeting with Mr. Carter.

Whether the journey will in fact take place is another matter. Mr. Carter himself has told "Time" magazine that the first thing he would do before making any proposal for the resumption of Middle East peace talks, would be to confer with the leaders of Israel, Egypt and Syria. But he was not sure whether it would be appropriate to hold these "exploratory meetings" before the Israeli elections.

What Mr. Carter most likely had in mind was the advisability of waiting for the political dust to settle, as it were, in Israel before moving on to substantive discussions. It is not very probable that he was moved by fear of seeming to meddle in the Israeli electoral process. After all, if he wanted, as U.S. President, to help Mr. Rabin win, there were rather wider possibilities open to him than inviting the Prime Minister to Washington.

The election campaign gets under way. The public will inevitably be exposed to much humbug. The fuss over a possible Rabin visit to Washington is a first example.

NOWHERE are political decisions more urgently needed — following the up-dating of the Knesset elections to May — than in the Yadin-Shinui movement, which barely began to form a month ago.

One of the thorniest questions to confront them is whether or not to merge with the other small factions in the political centre for the purpose of launching a credible challenge to the Alignment.

Prof. Yigael Yadin announced his movement's guiding principle in regard to mergers from the very outset. Anyone subscribing to the broad principles enunciated by the founding group is welcome, but on an individual basis only. No factions are to be accepted *en masse*, so that the built-in commitments that go with the merging of equal groupings can be avoided.

It is understandable that the prospective candidates for merger — the Independent Liberals, Shulamit Aloni's Citizens' Rights Movement, and Shmuel Tamir's Free Centre — have been leery of joining on the basis of such rigorous terms. The loss — material, electoral, and especially emotional — entailed in closing down parties that have been operating for between three to 30 years, is obvious. The advantages to be gained from joining Yadin seem to be much less certain by comparison.

Thus the talks between the various groups are still going on. What is clear is that speedy decisions are needed in view of the new electoral timetable. What is also clear is that the end result will constitute the first practical test by which a receptive but sceptical public will judge Yadin and the Democratic Movement for Change.

THERE SEEMS to be a broad but vague feeling among the DMC's likely supporters at the polls that merging with all the other parties in the centre is an essential first step to proving the new movement's mettle. This is an extension of the general Israeli attitude that the union of apparently like-minded political

# The choices before Yadin

By YOSEF GOELL

groups is good in itself. Unity is always to be preferred to the constant fragmentation which is seen as the bane of Israeli party politics.

However, when one examines the pro's and con's of a merger between the Yadin group and its prospective partners in the centre, the conclusions one arrives at are more subtly differentiated than the simple dogma that "unity is good; separation is bad."

To judge from early public-opinion polls there is a large floating vote, estimated at over 45 per cent of the electorate, which may be considered to be well disposed to the Yadin challenge. Many of these voters are particularly receptive to the message of a sweeping change in Israeli politics, but are at the same time extremely sceptical as to the sincerity of any politician. Thus any step that would tend to tarnish the DMC's image as a group sincerely committed to change would work to its detriment.

Applying this criterion to possible merger partners, one comes up with the following results:

Any merger with the Independent Liberals, who have been in Labour-led coalitions since Israel's inception, would constitute a kiss of death. The ILP's reputation as middle-of-the-road liberal politicians will have absolutely no effect on attenuating their steadily archaistic-liberal aura.

Accepting MKs who may wish to defect from the major parties would

in all likelihood have a similar effect on the DMC's image of uncompromising change. About the only conceivable exception to this flat statement might be Labour Party M.K. Aharon Yariv, who has been spoken of as a possible convert to the Yadin movement.

On the other hand, Shulamit Aloni's Citizens' Rights Movement, Shmuel Tamir's Free Centre, Independent M.K. Binyamin Halevy and Ariel Sharon's Shlomzion Movement would not, *a priori*, undermine the DMC's commitment to change.

ANOTHER consideration of prime importance for the DMC is the credibility of its programme. One of the problems that bothers many potential Yadin voters is the suspicion that it too will succumb to temptation and become a "programmatic supermarket," saying all things to all men.

Yadin has sought to handle the tricky issue of "peace and the territories" by repeating the Alignment's purposely vague compromise, but with a difference. He and other members of his movement have emphasized that domestic, rather than foreign, affairs are the crux of Israel's problems, and have to be handled first. They have openly admitted that some of their movement's founding members are split on external issues but are united on the urgent need for internal political change.

It is still too early to know how the

electorate will receive this sophisticated argument, which is wide open to charges of dissimulation. What is quite apparent, however, is that any merger with groups or individuals too clearly identified in the public's mind with extreme "hawkish" or "dovish" stands will undermine the credibility of the assertion that "domestic change comes first."

Taunting advertisements have already appeared in the newspapers, challenging the hawks in the Yadin camp — Meir Zorea, Dan Tolkowsky, and the others — to repudiate a demand by Amnon Raphael, a Shinui leader, that the Gush Emunim settlement at Kaddum be cleared away by force.

The criterion of credibility should rule out merging with such groups as Arye Eliaz's Independent Socialists, who, together with Meir Pa'il's Moked, are Israel's most dovish doves. It should also rule out merger with Sharon, as long as he does not publicly renounce his extreme hawkish positions.

FINALLY, there is the practical consideration of appeal to the electorate. This would seem to offer an even more cogent argument for saying "no" to a merger with Sharon. Early public-opinion polls show Sharon to be almost as popular as the Yadin-Shinui movement. He appeals, however, to a different segment of the public than that attracted to the Yadin-Shinui camp.

A Yadin-Sharon merger would probably result in a net loss of votes, as fringe supporters of either group would tend to be put off by the merger. This phenomenon has been noted in previous mergers — unity often results in a loss of votes. It appears, then, that the Yadin-Shinui group should actively seek unification with Shulamit Aloni, and with Shmuel Tamir, resist merger feelings from the Independent Liberals, and conclude a gentlemen's agreement with Ariel Sharon to run separately with an eye to possible merger after the elections.

## READERS' LETTERS

### POLITICAL INCONSISTENCY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: I notice with dismay a strange and disheartening inconsistency between the public utterances and the actual behaviour of our political leaders in their quest to cure the country's numerous ills. I am referring specifically to those who head the traditional as well as the newly-formed political parties of the liberal centre.

There is Mr. Kol of the Independent Liberal Party who "feels that the only alternative is the election to office of a 'third-power' liberal coalition" and therefore "for the ILP, the only viable alternative is to unite with the other forces of the liberal centre to create a third force" (November 19). There is the Free Centre leader, M.K. Shmuel Tamir calling upon the liberal parties of the centre, namely the Liberal Party, the Independent Liberals, the Citizens Rights Movement, Shinui, Ariel Sharon's new movement "Shlomzion," the Democratic Movement headed by Professor Yigael Yadin, and M.K. Benjamin Halevy to merge into a liberal bloc (November 26). There is the C.R.M. supporting the idea and "offering a solution to the 'personality problems' — for the candidates to the Knesset to be chosen in primaries" (November 26). There is Ariel Sharon expressing willingness, to join forces "with any party that has the same, or even similar views

to ours" (December 3). There is Professor Amnon Rubinstein of Shinui, who "hopes that such a development will come about, on condition that..." (December 2) And there is Professor Yigael Yadin, declaring at a meeting at Kibbutz Hanita on December 10 that the new party formed by the merger of Shinui and his own movement does not preclude joining political forces, provided conformity in Weltanschauung is achieved and provided the principle of internal democracy is accepted.

To this bewildered citizen, the views expounded by the above parties — whether on the subject of security or on internal reform — seem practically identical: each of them commits itself to making all possible efforts to achieve peace with our neighbours, none of them advocates withdrawal without peace, all are for the same electoral, economic, social and other reforms and solutions. So why don't they join forces? Why do they utter words which are not followed by deeds?

If they want the nation to rally behind them in a common all-out effort to change the quality of our life in all its aspects they should be the first to give an example of unity and cooperation and sacrifice for the common weal.

JUDITH LELYVELD  
 Hod Hasharon.

### THE SHEKEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — For some time now, there has been talk of introducing the shekel into the Israeli currency. However, it would be foolish to let the shekel take the place of the pound; rather it should be one shekel equals 10 pounds. If at the same time, there were a corresponding and realistic devaluation of one shekel to one dollar, the American tourist would feel quite at home paying approximately the same amount here as at home. Simultaneously, the Israeli might perhaps feel that prices are more reasonable when expressed in shekels.

More important, however, the shekel like the New Franc in France could form the basis for a new and better economic policy. Prices and, hopefully, incomes would be related to the shekel and the dollar with some hope of achieving stability and stopping the inflationary spiral.

GERALD E. TAUBER  
 Tel Aviv.

### COINS AND MEDALS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In your column, "Coins and Medals," of December 20, you mentioned the fact that our Corporation is entering the 1975 International Hobby Exhibition Medal to its clientele.

I wish to clarify that this medal was struck exclusively, and as a private issue, for the sponsors of the International Hobby Exhibition.

The above-mentioned medals were not offered by our Corporation, but by a private coin dealer. His presentation and literature sent to the public appear to be misleading, as though the offer was dispatched from our Corporation.

These medals are not part of the general collection, and will not appear in our official catalogue. YITZHAK AVNI, Director-General, Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, Jerusalem.

### BLOT ON LANDSCAPE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — As a visitor to Israel, I have been greatly impressed by the way you look after the land, carefully using every square metre and husbanding your resources.

It was with some astonishment, and deep disappointment, therefore, that I observed an example both of waste and depopulation on a train journey from Jerusalem. Not more than 10 kilometres from Jerusalem, a sewer outfall discharges into a dry stream bed in what is otherwise a beautiful rugged gorge. Scenically, this train journey must be the finest in Israel and rank with scenic journeys of world class. Yet what a shame to have to travel with windows tightly closed and needing a nose plug! Apart from the pollution of the environment, there is a waste of resources — if the effluent was treated at the outfall, it could produce fertilizer for the upper reaches of the valley and the cleansed effluent could water the cultivated strips further downstream.

For the sake of future visitors, not to mention the people who live near this vile-smelling open sewer, cannot someone make it a matter of top priority to clean it up?

COLIN J. TAYLOR  
 Associate Professor in Town Planning, University of Queensland, Haifa (Australia).

### STATE AND RELIGION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — It seems incredible that, in a country with as many problems as we have, both internal and external, a party tables a motion of no-confidence for the desecration of the Sabbath.

Most modern nations have separated state and religion generations ago, and it is about time we also did so in Israel.

BRIAN EINMAN  
 Petah Tikva.

### HAPPY TRAINEES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Nearly a year ago, 38 graduates of Enel Akiva arrived in Israel for a year of intensive training, during which we toured the country, studied and worked the land.

As the end of our programme draws near, we, members of Enel Akiva from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, South America and Uruguay, would like to thank the people of Israel, the members of Kibbutz Kfar Etzion and especially our madrich for a truly wonderful year.

DAVID FISHER  
 Kfar Etzion.

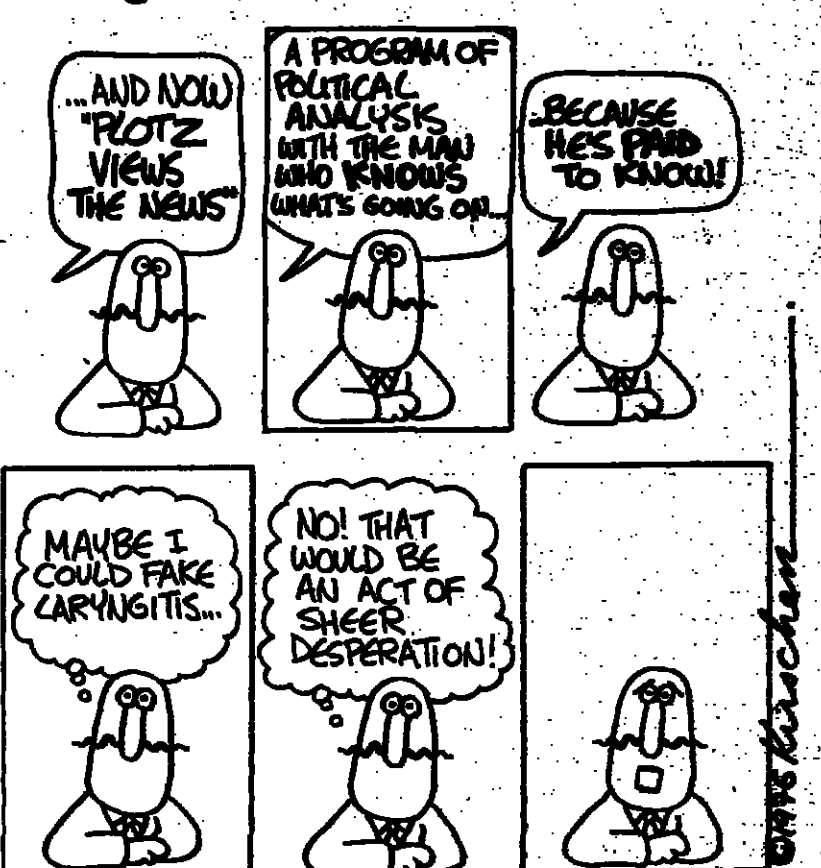
### FAVOURITE GIFT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Just a brief word to compliment you and your staff for your splendid international edition, which we look forward to every week. Without derogating any of your other writers, may I say Helga Dudman never fails to make her point with extraordinary style, clarity and simplicity. She and Lea Ben Dor outdo most writers in "The New Yorker" both because of their ability and a certain *je ne sais*.

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## POSTSCRIPTS

**BEBA IDELSON** — who died a year ago, was a feminist of the old school. She not only believed in the equality of women, but she fought tooth and nail to see that laws to ensure the status went onto the statute books. For forty years her name was synonymous with Meitzet Hapolutz. There was perhaps something symbolic in the fact that this organization changed its name (to Naamat) after Beba resigned.

A believer in doing things, Beba would not doubt approve of the step being taken to keep her memory green. She began life in this country in 1926 as an agricultural labourer in Petah Tikva and it is fitting that one of the commemorative plans for the establishment of a school for a girl student at an agricultural high school. Other projects planned include a prize for outstanding volunteer work by a branch of Naamat and the setting up in Haifa of a community centre, to be called "Beit Beba."

A memorial meeting for Beba Ideison will be held at the Histradrut Executive in Tel Aviv next Sunday with Golda Meir paying a tribute to her comrade-in-arms and Professor Rivka Bar-Yosef speaking on the theme of women in Israeli society.

A member of the first Knesset and at one time a Deputy Speaker, Beba Ideison initiated legislation including national insurance rights for housewives, full legal rights for children born out of wedlock, introduction of Wages Bill. She was also concerned for the rights of Israel's Arab women as for Jewish women citizens.

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UNEXPECTED members of the audience at a showing of "Victory in the East" in Jerusalem last week were seven members of the Order of Saint Vincent de Paul, including the Mother Superior of the Order in the Lebanon who was here for Christmas.

It appears that among the passengers on the hijacked Air France plane was one of their sister's letter nuns. She had just happened to be in Israel at the time and had booked her seat to Paris on that particular service.

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WITHOUT fanfare or advance publicity, a group of more than 100 Danish girls last week took Israel's cities by storm with performances of dance gymnastics.

The "Flying Girls" of the AGF athletic club of Aarhus and of that town's Royal Girl's Guard are aged between nine and 14. Their visit to Israel was organized at the suggestion of the AGF chairman to a pension, an Israeli-born restaurateur in Denmark.

The group chartered a 187-seat passenger plane to come here, and gave the spare seats to handicapped Jordanian sportsmen who have spent their time in Israel competing with IDF disabled veterans at Beit Haholom and other swimmers who have been training at the Maccabiah Village.

The girls' parents agreed to the trip with many a worry over security. Earlier this year they sent a "scout" to visit Israel and travel about strictly on his own. The visitor returned with reports that there was nothing to worry about. They brought along their own physician — who is also last year's European high-jump champion.

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THE TIEH Oakland Raiders and Minnesota Vikings for the National Football League championship at the Pasadena Rose Bowl on January 9.

In Oakland, on Sunday, Ken Stabler passed the Raiders' through Pittsburgh's previously impenetrable defense and hit Super Bowl XI, moving for two touchdowns to beat the injury stricken Steelers 34-7 in the American Conference title game. Earlier in the day it

But the Raiders' runners — Clarence Davis, Mark Valen-Beghen and Peter Bannasak — were able to run virtually unhindered through a defense who had carried the Steelers to 11 straight victories.

And with Davis thriving in a one-yard touchdown and Bannasak passing four yards to flummoxed Starlin Warren, Bannasak and flyer to Bannasak for scores, it is the Raiders who will take off.

Minnesota on January 8 in the National Football League Championship at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

It Bloomington, Bobby Bryant returned a blocked field goal 37 yards for a touchdown, then it intercepted a Los Angeles pass.

Two blocked kicks — the first it Nate Allen which led to Bryant's 100th yard — and the second it Matt Blair, which set up a 23-yard field goal by Fred Cox — helped Minnesota to a 10-0 halftime lead.

Then Chuck Foreman, who rushed for 118 yards in the game broke over night tackle on the second play of the second half at sprinted 62 yards to the One.

was Foreman's longest run for scrimmage all season and, 11 plays later, he searried into it made zone for the touchdown that made it 17-0.

A 12-yard touchdown pass by Vikings running back Sam Johnson with 33 seconds to play cemented the Minnesota victory. The score was set up by a 67-yard pass-and-run play from Frye to Tarkenton for Foreman.

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It was a toss-up which of the two was the world's No. 1 player of the year. Borg, the dynamic 20-year-old Swede, won the World Championship Tennis ("WCT") title last year, after losing in the final two years' running, and he went on to win Wimbledon, traditionally the biggest crown of all.

But in a direct confrontation, Common overcame Borg in the final to win Forest Hill.

One of the reasons for Borg's dominance in the year's money was that he won the Grand Slam. These days of the "grand slam" are over, at any rate for the moment. With big prize money to be won week after week through the year — often with two or three

The midsummer game has been continued because of increased expenses and uncertainties regarding player personnel, the sponsoring "Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc." announced in a week.

straged 1984. "The game simply has priced itself out of existence," said the spokesman. He also noted that last year 26 of the 65 players were reporting to All-Star camp with no assigned. He added that the fact that there was no player drafted next year has added to the uncertainty of holding the game. The future was created by late Arch Ward, sports editor of the "Chicago Tribune," and it was held annually except for 1933 when a players strike forced cancellation. The game has raised about \$1m. for charity. □

**police.**  
"The wife is the only one being questioned at this time," the coroner said. She was too distraught to identify the body at the hospital, he said.

Israeli, two remaining entries in the tournament, Shlomo Glicksman and Avner Levin, were eliminated in the first round respectively. Glicksman went down to Alexander Gershteyn of Argentina, 4-6, 2-6, while Levin was also knocked out by an Argentinean in straight sets, losing 0-2, 1-6.

Nir Ginzberg of Israel lost his fifth round match to Poland's Marcin Twardon, and he tied with 11 other players at 1½ points each.

MIAMI BEACH. — Eliot Kruger, from South Africa, the world's best in her class, defeated Larry Goldfish 6-3, 8-5 yesterday in the semi-finals of the orange ball, No. 2 senior Tennis Champs. South of the U.S., the No. 3 senior, Tanya Harford of South Africa, 6-4, 6-0 in the other.

biggest surprise.  
The 14th seeded Teltscher of Palom Verden, California, will face John Madrone, of Douglass, New York, in the final today.  
Madrone, who lost to Gottfried in the U.S. final last summer, defeated Robert Van Hoff of Downey, California, 6-1, 6-4 in the other semifinal.  
Telscher, who earlier beat the fourth and sixth-ranked players in the first round, taking set three of the second, taking set three of the third, and taking set three of the fourth, will have a variety of Gottfried's sample matches.

In the girls tournament, Marlie Brierley, seven-seeded Ivesdale, Illinois, won the 16-year-old division championship of the tournament.  
Second-seeded Bruce Pimpone of U.S. came from behind to beat South Africa's Michael Roberson, 7-5, 6-4 and win the boys' tournament under championship.  
Top-seeded Shelly Solomon U.S., won the girls 14 crowd beating Marlin Noriega of Caracas, Venezuela, 6-3, 6-2.  
Jimmy Brown, joined another American, Lori Kosonen to take the 12 and under titles. MIAMI's Kosien beat Kathleen Horvath U.S., 6-1, 6-1 in the final. Brown fought Czech Chabala of Brno to a 7-6, 7-6 win.

The U.S. and Canada had finished in a tie with Mexico in the first time ever. The score at the interval was 1-0.

**Soviet in lead for junior chess crown**

GRONINGEN. — Five-year-old Vladimir of the Soviet Union continued on Sunday to lead the field of six competitors in the fifth round of the world junior chess championship with his fifth consecutive victory.

Canada and Mexico go on better goal average.

The preliminary round-robin series between the Soviet Union and the United States was a draw, 1-1, with Mexico advancing because of a better goal average.

Canada and Mexico go on play in the next round along with teams from Central America and the Caribbean region. Only one country from this series gets to play in the final round.

Play in the Buenos Aires finals 1976. □

**IRONINGEN.** — Evgeny Medvedev of the Soviet Union continued on Sunday to lead the world of 84 competitors in the championship with his fifth

...other players at 14 points each.

In the two events seemed to bear little resemblance to each other, but they were to vie for the sporting headlines during 1976.

The Olympics, with its heroes and villains, triumphs, and disasters, dominated the sports scene during the year, but Niall Fionnuala's remarkable fight book provided a remarkable death on the sports track, one that meant more to the author than the glitter of a gold medal.

The International Olympic Committee, that august body of wealthy men, aristocrats and sports idealists who are the guardians of the games, returned the shameful truth that politicians will

from directions where the I.O.C. least suspected trouble. It had been guarding the wrong gates. Right up to the beginning of 1976, Olympic chiefs had been worried about delays in the construction of the main stadium and that the Games might have to be switched somewhere else. Haunted by the 1972 massacre of Israeli athletes by Arab terrorists at the Munich Games, they set in motion unprecedented security measures to prevent any repetition of the tragedy.

They were also warned of possible demonstrations and even violence from French separatists and Quebecois when Queen Elizabeth II's coronation was to open the Olympic Games in London. None of these dangers materialized. Many found the massive security precautions excessive, but the 10,000 athletes

The I.O.C. complained bitterly that Trudeau's government had

broken a solemn pledge. They were veiled threats that the games might be cancelled, or that I.O.C.'s patronage withdrawn. At one stage the U.S. delegation threatened to withdraw its athletes.

But in truth the I.O.C. was helpless, and it lost the battle. The games went on, and the athletes were weak, old, and tired. As the Olympic movement reacted from this unprecedented subversion to political pressure, it was hit again from another direction. At a few hours notice, 22 African countries walked out of the ceremony. Most of them boycotted the opening ceremony. Some marched in the parade but pulled out of the games later.

There were the Olympic villains, like great Soviet athlete Boris Onischenko, a modern pentathlon silver medalist four years ago, who was disqualified for

Of all the controversies, political or otherwise, the one to have the most impact in purely sporting terms was the withdrawal of nearly 30 nations, mostly African and Arab coun-

They pulled out extremists called for discipline, urging that be banned, from staging international sports events, American counsellors banned participation.

In the mood of most I.O.C. members was to let the ripples pass. They wanted to preserve the glory of the Olympics for the summer games in Moscow. The year ended without a sign of war or anathemas.

But outside the political and the war, the world was writhing that almost the downward, the Olympic and the usual crop of

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...the world's 1,600-metre gold medalist, John Walker have faced off against rival Filibert Bayi of the U.S. and would the boxing be unpolished in the face of opposition? Montreal, the host his